

# **Equity & Inclusion Officer – November Report 2**

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## **Section 1: General Update**

I have been attending many formal and informal UCL East meetings lately. The past week, I attended UCL East EDI Board, UCL East Scholarship Meeting, and finally chaired the UCL East Student Experience Board. I have also been in contact with the Pro-Provost of EDI specifically about timetabling for step free access lecture halls and BSL teaching opportunities.

#### **Section 2: Sabbatical Officer Priorities**

#### How have you communicated with students in the past fortnight?

I chaired the second Union Exec of the term. I was present in the Arts Societies Surgery and also covered the Garage Theatre biddings for Ana, where I got to meet many arts students.

1) Students are confident in connecting with each other and support one another to feel safe, reassured and inspired.

Working on peer-to-peer mental health support scheme, trying to get more funding for GEF, and working on trying to expand BSL learning opportunities.

2) Students can be proud and accepted for who they are in a safe community with a high level of cultural understanding.

Still working on the Liberate Art Gallery.

3) Students have an equitable experience in a united and inclusive community, regardless of where they are based and from.

I have been attending UCL East meetings to make their student experience more unique.

**Section 3: Attendance at important Union meetings and events** 

#### 1) Union meetings attended and main outcomes

- Risk and Audit Committee: discussed health and safety measures
- Union Executive: Agreed to include the LGBTQ+ and Trans officers more into conversations around GEF

## **Section 4: Attendance at important UCL meetings and events**

## 1) UCL meetings attended and main outcomes

- UCL East Student Experience Board: Liased with Gather & Gather to bring a hot food vending machine in the refectory. Talked to the Head of SCCI to open up the media spaces for term 3 as part of ELO.
- UCL East EDI Board: Pointed out a gap in the strategy about EDI in the student life, as the whole strategy focued on EDI in the prospective student and staff recruitment.
- Education Committee: Raised the issues and concerns around Personal Acdemic Tutor scheme.

## Section 5: What progress have you made on your assigned policy proposals?

## **Policy: Pronouns in Class**

No updates as policy is now completed!

## What three points from your report do you need to be communicated to Students?

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